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Possession of Fire Arms.

In 1946 all of the shepherds in the mountainous area in the Georgian S.S.R. had to turn in all of their guns. It is forbidden to possess a fire arm of any type. Also it is forbidden to possess a knife with a blade longer than six(6) to eight (8) inches. This makes life very hard for the shepherds who are continuously harrassed by wolves and jackals. It was feared that the shepherds could be a possible partisan group, and since the population in that section of the country is very much against the pressure of the central government, all possible weapons were confiscated and forbidden. The shepherds suffer a great loss from their flocks due to the enforcement of this law and are very bitter against it.

Source considered reasonable and level-headed.

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